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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION, for the election of officers and transaction of business, is held on the third Wednesday of January.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES holds its annual meeting on the first Wednesday of February, and quarterly meetings on the first Wednesday of January, April, July, and October, at 5 P. M., at the Hospital. Special meetings are held by direction of the president.

THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION holds its annual meeting, for the choice of officers and transaction of business, on the last Wednesday of January, at 12 M.

Monthly meetings of the MANAGERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION are held at the Hospital on the last Wednesday of each month, at 11 A. M.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meet at the Hospital every Saturday at 12 M., and hold special meetings whenever necessary.

THE MEDICAL BOARD holds its regular meetings on the last Wednesday evening of March, June, September, and December.

THE HOSPITAL is situated on East Concord Street, between Harrison Avenue and Albany Street, Boston.

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OFFICERS OF THE HOSPITAL, 1881.

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ISAAC FENNO, 28 Summer St.

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MRS. C. WESSELHOEFT.

MATRON.

MRS. ELLA G. O'NEILL.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

FOR THE YEAR 1880.

IN presenting their Annual Report, the Trustees deem it an appropriate time to recall to the members of the Corporation and to the friends of the Hospital the facts of its early history, with a brief notice of its progress to the present time.

The Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital was incorporated in the year 1855, but it was not until 1871 that the small building in Burroughs Place was occupied, and patients were received. In 1872 a vigorous effort was made to obtain funds for a permanent hospital building. The sum of \$76,000 was obtained from the proceeds of a successful fair held in Boston, and a sufficient sum was secured from other sources. After much consideration the present building was erected in the immediate vicinity of the Boston University School of Medicine. The land upon which it stands was purchased from the city at a cost of one dollar a foot, amounting to \$27,750; the cost of the building being \$76,716. Unlike the Massachusetts and the City Hospitals, at no time has this Hospital received any assistance from either the city or the State. Whatever funds it has acquired have been the gifts of benevolent individuals; and as the number of persons in the community who prefer the homœopathic treatment, and who have become convinced that it represents an advance and a reform in medical practice, has increased, the demands upon the resources of the institution have become steadily greater. No special effort, however, has been made since 1872 to increase its revenues. It has been supported in some small measure by fees received from paying patients, and it has occasionally received greater or smaller donations, often unsolicited. It derives an income of somewhat less than \$2,000 per annum from permanent investments, and its ordinary expenditures are somewhat over that sum, the difference being made up by donations.

The Hospital is out of debt, and has been managed with economy. The average cost of each patient per week during the past year was \$7.00. At the Massachusetts Hospital, in 1879, it was \$10.54, and at the City Hospital, in the same year, it was \$7.46; although, as both of these institutions have facilities for treating a much larger number of patients, it might be expected that their expenses would be relatively less.

It is not necessary to undertake to account at any length for a fact from which any one may draw the proper inference. That under the homœo-

pathic practice of medicine there must necessarily be a large saving in drugs, is matter of common knowledge; but it is, perhaps, not so well understood that nothing tends so much to insure a judicious administration of an institution of this character as a careful and detailed supervision. In this respect the Trustees have always been fortunate, and are at this time fortunate, in finding among their own number ladies and gentlemen who, acting as an Executive Committee, have been willing to devote much time to the immediate and almost daily care of the Hospital, and to whom the thanks of the Corporation are due for disinterested and invaluable services. Nor has the careful economy that has been practised deprived the patients of any of the comforts and luxuries which are usually found in the largest and best-endowed hospitals, for the supplying of which the Corporation is greatly indebted to the kindly and untiring interest shown by the Ladies' Aid Association.

The Trustees may fairly claim for the Hospital a great measure of success in the treatment of patients, reference being had to the experience of other hospitals. This is true not only of the medical treatment furnished, but surgical cases of the greatest delicacy, involving operations of the most important character, requiring skill of the highest order, and a knowledge of the latest and most approved methods, have been successfully treated. The death-rate this year is not quite seven per cent, and the average death-rate since the foundation of the Hospital is a little more than five per cent of the cases treated. It will be found, by examining the published reports of the two general hospitals in the city, that the death-rate of both of them is, as a rule, considerably higher than that of the Homœopathic Hospital.

The time has now come when, in view of the steadily increasing demands upon the institution, the Hospital building should be materially enlarged. A surgical ward is an absolutely necessary addition, as the number of cases in that department is constantly increasing. A lying-in ward is also greatly needed. It has sometimes happened that patients could not be received at the Lying-in Hospital on account of the existence of contagious fever cases, and it is therefore of public importance that there should be more than one institution in the city ready to receive lying-in patients. A children's ward would also be a most desirable addition, as all who have had any experience in the marvellous adaptation of the homœopathic system to the diseases of children will readily acknowledge.

The Trustees have therefore issued an appeal for aid through the press and by circulars. The call was first published on the 30th of December last, and the Trustees have already received such assurance as justify them in believing that funds sufficient for the purpose indicated in this Report will speedily be raised.

For the Trustees,

C. R. CODMAN,

President.

ELLEN FROTHINGHAM,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL:

YOUR Executive Committee have held regular meetings at the Hospital every Saturday during the year, and all the members were usually present.

All matters pertaining to the Hospital have been brought before them, and received prompt attention. The bills and accounts have been examined weekly, and, after approval, were immediately paid.

The various departments of the Hospital have been visited frequently by members of this Committee, and thoroughly inspected, and the details of hospital work have constantly been under their close scrutiny.

We congratulate you upon the smoothness with which all the departments have been effectively carried on during the past year, and upon the large number of patients successfully treated, which bears abundant testimony to the ability and skill, the zealous care and untiring attentions, of the physicians and surgeons.

Mrs. M. A. Pratt, after nineteen months of active service as matron, retired Nov. 9. Mrs. Ella G. O'Neill comes to us to fill this most important position. Her extended experience in hospitals and in hospital work, and the executive ability already exhibited, give us confidence in her fitness for the position.

The nurses, from long experience, are well qualified, and have been faithful in their care of the patients in their immediate charge. The other employees are efficient in their various occupations, and generally very satisfactory, the matron not finding it necessary to make many changes.

The house physician, Dr. Edward O. Eckert, and the house surgeon, Dr. N. W. Emerson, have been constant in their attention, and are to be commended for the able manner in which they have performed their respective duties.

Dr. Sullivan Whitney continues in charge of the Pharmacy, and under his careful supervision its affairs are economically and satisfactorily administered.

The Hospital building has been kept in good condition. The sanitary arrangements are highly satisfactory. The ventilation is so complete that the purity of the air in all the wards has caused frequent expressions of satisfaction from friends and visitors, and we believe there is no hospital in the world more cheerful and inviting.

The Ladies' Aid Association has continued its good offices through the year. It has taken care of the grounds, purchased and repaired furniture, supplied various useful articles about the house, and furnished many

delicacies and comforts to the patients. Almost daily through the year some of its visitors have come to the Hospital, and with kindly, encouraging, sympathetic words, have brought sunshine and cheer to those who were away from the cherished surroundings of home, and who, perhaps, find here in their sickness and weakness more sympathy and comfort than ever before. The spiritual ministrations thus rendered are often a great aid to recovery, and give to patients pleasant memories of their hospital life.

The inscription and endowment tablets authorized at your regular meeting in January, at a cost not to exceed \$100, have been completed for the sum of \$74.90, and placed conspicuously in the hall of the Hospital.

The matron has frequently received contributions of flowers, fruits, and delicacies; also clothing and linen, books, periodicals, and newspapers; and these always-welcome donations have been duly recorded and promptly acknowledged.

If the kind friends of the Hospital could realize how grateful these donations always are to the poor, sick, helpless patients, we feel sure more would be interested to send them in; and we would urge them to visit the Hospital, and know from personal observation with what great delight and thankfulness these little comforts from a sympathetic public are received.

The only unpleasant occurrences during the past year were the two small fires in the basement of the Hospital building, — the first on Sunday, Aug. 15, at 3.15 P. M.; the second on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 7.12 P. M. A most thorough and searching investigation was immediately made by your Executive Committee, assisted by detectives, and a full report presented to your board at a special meeting in August. We were unable to ascertain the origin of the fires; but circumstantial evidence rested heavily upon one of the employees, who was immediately discharged.

The insurance companies were prompt in their adjustment, which appeared to be quite sufficient to cover the actual damage. It now became a matter of necessity immediately to put in thorough repair the entire basement of the building; and as it was necessary to cleanse and paint the smoked walls and ceilings in the halls and adjoining rooms, it seemed important that the walls left unpainted when the Hospital was built should be completed.

The fire department reported the flow of water insufficient; also that the Hospital required better facilities for extinguishing fires; and this suggested to your Committee the necessity of some changes for the more complete safety of the Hospital and patients.

At the special meeting of your board in August, your Executive Committee were authorized and instructed to make all repairs and any improvements which the best interests of the Hospital demanded.

We have now to report the work completed and paid for. The entire basement, halls, and many of the rooms have been thoroughly renovated.

A large water-pipe has been introduced from the street main, and a stand-pipe passes up through the entire building, with hose and every appliance on each floor, ready for immediate use in the event of a fire. It is our sincere hope that there may be no necessity for its use; but with this safeguard and the fire-escape already attached to the building, there is every reasonable assurance of complete security to the many helpless patients within its walls.

The entire expense of repairs and improvements, including the tablets, was \$1,007.41.

Of this sum the stand-pipe cost \$380, and the insurance companies pay \$318. We believe the work to be economically and well done.

The fire-alarm box placed upon the Hospital building during 1879, for our exclusive use, has already proved to be of value. The number is 643.

The total amount of expenses for maintaining the Hospital during the year 1880 has been \$9,485.21.

At your meeting in January last, it was voted that as many free patients from the deserving poor be received as the available funds of the Hospital will permit. This has been done; and as the number of free patients has been greater than ever before, the expenses have been necessarily increased. There have also been many severe cases requiring the greatest care and attention, and consequently additional expense; and as nearly all articles of supply have materially advanced in price over last year, it is not strange that the daily expenses of each patient should be slightly increased; the amount being one dollar as against ninety-seven cents last year.

All necessary wants have been supplied, the food furnished has been of the best quality and well prepared; while the convalescents have received many delicacies which their condition demanded. In all these matters your Committee has endeavored to exercise a strict but generous economy; they have given very close scrutiny to all requisitions, and personal attention to many purchases of supplies at wholesale prices, and have diligently watched that all moneys should be judiciously spent.

The following statement exhibits the amount and cost of the work accomplished by the Hospital the past year: —

STATEMENT.

Number of patients in the Hospital Jan. 1, 1880	.	.	.	27
“ “ admitted during 1880	.	.	.	163
“ “ treated during 1880	.	.	.	190
“ “ remaining over Jan. 1, 1881	.	.	.	26
Average number of patients for the year 1880	.	.	.	26
Entire number of days patients were treated	.	.	.	9,416
Average number of days each patient was treated	.	.	.	49½
Number of paying patients for the year 1880	.	.	.	78
Whole number of days paying patients were present	.	.	.	2,733
Average number of days for each paying patient	.	.	.	35

Number of patients paying in part during the year 1880	13
Whole number of days of partial paying patients in year 1880,	1,223
Average number of days for each partial paying patient during the year 1880	94

Number of free patients during the year 1880	98
Whole number of days free patients were present in 1880	5,463
Average number of days each free patient remained in 1880	55 $\frac{3}{5}$

Number of patients paying part of the time of their stay, 1880	13
Number of days this class paid in 1880	586
Number of days this class was treated free in 1880	637

Entire number of days paying patients were present in 1880	3,316
Entire number of days free patients were present in 1880	6,100
Total number of days treatment patients of all classes in 1880,	9,416

Entire expense of the Hospital for the year 1880	\$9,485 21
Average cost per day for the 8,187 days patients were treated	1 00
Average cost per week for each patient in 1880	7 06

The appeals for aid which have been recently made have thoroughly aroused the friends of the Hospital, and we have no doubt the same generosity, which responded so nobly several years ago, will enable the Trustees to secure a sum sufficient to enlarge the present building and strengthen the permanent fund, thus providing means for the care of a larger number of the dependent poor and sick, who are constantly seeking the Hospital for restoration.

Most respectfully submitted for the Executive Committee,

GEORGE H. LEONARD,
Chairman.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 1, 1881.

COST OF MAINTENANCE OF MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒO-
PATHIC HOSPITAL FOR 1880.

Supervised by Executive Committee of Trustees.

Salaries and wages paid employees	\$2,576 91
Night watching, extra	306 65
Provisions, groceries, flour, tea, and butter	3,731 55
Milk	691 52
Fuel	713 00
Gas	197 20
Water rates	121 72
Ice	291 93
Medical and surgical supplies	206 21
Repairs and renewals	184 56
Stationery, printing, and advertising	54 41
Publishing annual report for 1879	109 00
Sundry small supplies	44 15
Telephone rental	49 90
Toilet closets	142 50
Electric bells	14 00
Diploma	50 00
	\$9,485 21

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GEO. H. LEONARD,

Chairman Executive Committee.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 31, 1880.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

THE Hospital has received, during the past year, a larger number of incurable cases than in any previous year. Some of these entered in the last stages of disease, because they could receive better care and treatment in the Hospital than elsewhere. Such cases have never been refused, although in a small hospital they largely add to the ratio of mortality.

The proportion of severe and chronic diseases, both medical and surgical, has been very large, and at times the wards have been crowded. There is an imperative need of a surgical wing especially arranged for the convenience and better accommodation of this class of patients, and also, for obvious reasons, to remove all surgical cases from the medical wards. It is hoped that a want so serious will be provided for during the present year. The Hospital has been obliged to refuse admission to all obstetric cases, and also to many sick children, from a lack of suitable accommodation.

The following is a tabular statement of the cases treated during the year 1880:—

MEDICAL CASES.

DISEASES.	No. Cases.	Cured.	Improved.	Not Improved.	Left without Consent.	Died.	Remaining.
Adiposis.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Anasarca.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Apoplexy.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Cystitis	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disease of digestive organs	8	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disease of nervous system.....	24	8	12	4	.....	.....	3
Disease of heart.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Disease of lungs.....	10	5	3	1	.....	1	.....
Disease peculiar to men.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Disease peculiar to women.....	26	12	10	4	.....	.....	5
Epilepsy.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Icterus.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Mania-a-potu	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Neuralgia of intestines.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Opium habit.....	3	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....
Phlebitis.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Peritonis.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Pneumonia.....	4	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Phthisis pulmonalis.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1
Poison, lead.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rheumatism.....	16	8	6	2	.....	.....	2
Typhoid fever.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Typhoid pneumonia.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Total.....	112	44	46	12	1	10	15

SURGICAL CASES GENERALLY REQUIRING OPERATION.

DISEASES.	No. of Cases.	Cured.	Improved.	Not Improved.	Left without consent.	Died.	Remaining.
Abscess.....	5	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amputation.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Birth-mark.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Contusions.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coxalgia.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Cystitis.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disease of the eye.....	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Empyema.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fissure ani.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Fistula in ano.....	7	4	2	1	1	.....	.....
Fistula in urethra.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fracture.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Hæmorrhoids.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hare lip.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hernia.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hydrocele.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Injury to tibia.....	2	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....
Laceration of cervix uteri.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Nævus.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Necrosis.....	4	3	1	.....	.....	.....	3
Neuroma.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Periostitis.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Polypus uteri.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pott's disease.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Phymosis.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ruptured perineum.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shot in arm.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stricture of urethra.....	2	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....
Tumors, adenoid.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" cancer.....	5	3	.....	2	.....	.....	1
" cystic.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" epithelioma.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
" fibroid.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" ovarian.....	3	.....	1	.....	.....	2	1
" " (ovariotomy).....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" uterine (operation).....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
" fatty.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Varicose ulcers.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Uterine affections.....	7	2	4	1	1	.....	2
Total.....	75	44	20	8	4	3	11

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ISAAC FENNO, TREASURER, *in account with Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital.*

1880.	DR.	
Jan. 1.	To balance on hand	\$3,077 33
	To amount received for permanent free bed :	
	Estate of Margaret E. Cobb White	\$5,000 00
	Total permanent free bed	5,000 00
	To amount received for permanent fund :	
	From Mrs. Geo. Ropes, life membership	\$100 00
	" Mrs. N. B. Curtis, through Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft	100 00
	" Estate Aurelia F. Wood, through Clarence W. Jones, executor	1,000 00
	Total permanent fund	1,200 00
	To amount received for annual subscriptions :	
	From Mrs. Geo. R. Russell	\$50 00
	" Mrs. F. King, through Mrs. S. T. Hooper	25 00
	" Mrs. E. W. Converse, through Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft	10 00
	" Mrs. A. H. Batchelder, through Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft	100 00
	" Miss White, '79, '80, through Mrs. W. H. Kennard	20 00
	" Charles R. Codman	100 00
	" H. S. Russell	100 00
	Total annual subscriptions	405 00
	To amount received for annual free beds :	
	From Boston Society New Jerusalem, '79 and '80	\$300 00
	" Mrs. P. C. Brooks	300 00
	Collected by Miss H. Collamore ;	
	Miss H. Bradlee	20 00
	Mrs. J. N. Fiske	10 00
	Miss Collamore	10 00
	Mr. Samuel Hatch	10 00
	Mr. Eben Collamore	10 00
	Mrs. J. B. Moors	5 00
	Mrs. I. F. Dobson	5 00
	Miss Fiske	5 00
	Total annual free beds	675 00

To amount received from donations:

From a friend	\$50 00	
“ a lady friend, through Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft	50 00	
“ Mrs. Sarah P. Russell	137 55	
“ Miss White, through Mrs. H. B. Stanwood	10 00	
“ Isaac Fenno	100 00	
“ Mrs. E. M. Cary, through Dr. I. T. Talbot	50 00	
Total donations		\$397 55

To amount for interest:

From Barnes, Ward & Co., on loan	\$41 50	
“ Isaac Fenno & Co., on loan	31 43	
“ St. Louis County bonds	300 00	
“ City of Columbus “	350 00	
“ “ Cincinnati “	90 00	
“ “ Detroit “	300 00	
“ Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R. R. bonds	175 00	
“ Phila., Wil. & Balt. R. R. stock	160 00	
“ Detroit, Hinsdale & So. Western R. R. scrip	9 60	
Total interest		1,457 53

To amount of sundry receipts:

From Barnes, Ward & Co., payment of loan	\$3,000 00	
“ Isaac Fenno & Co., payment of loan, ...	11,390 20	
“ Sale of 30 shares Detroit, Hinsdale & S. W. R. R. stock	900 00	
“ Sale of scrip Detroit, Hinsdale & S. W. R. R. stock	120 00	
“ Bond No. 4, City of Columbus, called	1,006 50	
“ Insurance companies for loss by fire	318 00	
Total sundry receipts		16,734 70
Total receipts		\$28,947 11

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By amount paid Executive Committee .	\$4,578 00
“ Loaned Isaac Fenno & Co. .	11,390 20
“ Paid for repairs and alterations	
Hospital	1,007 41
“ Paid for 80 shares Phila., Wil.	
& Balt. R. R. stock . . .	5,539 77
“ Paid for Atchison, Topeka &	
Santa Fé R. R. bond . . .	1,165 92
“ Paid for Atchison, Topeka &	
Santa Fé R. R. bond . . .	1,168 61
“ Paid for Atchison, Topeka &	
Santa Fé R. R. bond . . .	1,169 00
“ Paid for Atchison, Topeka &	
Santa Fé R. R. bonds, 2 . .	2,346 90
Total disbursements . . .	\$28,365 81
Balance cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1880 . .	\$581 30

SECURITIES IN HANDS OF TREASURER, DEC. 31, 1880.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad bonds, 7 %	\$5,000 00
St. Louis County Park bonds, 6 %	5,000 00
City of Detroit Public Sewer bonds, 6 %	5,000 00
“ Cincinnati certificates, 6 %	3,000 00
“ Columbus High Street Improvement bonds, 7 %	5,000 00
80 shares Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore stock	5,600 00
170 “ Chicago & West Michigan Railroad stock	13,260 00
Scrip Detroit, Hinsdale & Southwestern Railroad	120 00
	\$41,980 00

BOSTON, Jan. 17, 1881.

The undersigned, being the Finance Committee of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and properly vouched. They have also examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer and find them as stated by him.

C. R. CODMAN.
LIVERUS HULL.
WM. POPE.

FREE BEDS.

DURING the first six years of the Hospital, any person, by paying one thousand dollars to the permanent fund, could secure the life use of a free bed. Eight such free beds were established. But it was found that the income from the sum thus paid was only sufficient to sustain the bed a few weeks in each year; and though the trustees did not fear any essential loss to the Hospital from this source, yet they thought it would be more satisfactory to all to make the cost of the bed nearly sufficient to meet the expense of it for the time occupied. Accordingly, in 1877, it was so arranged that any person who pays one thousand dollars may have the life use of a free bed three months in each year; twenty-five hundred dollars entitle the donor to the life use of the bed all the time; and five thousand dollars establish a permanent free bed, which may always be kept full by the donor, and which the Hospital shall be bound to maintain after his decease, or it may be given immediately to the Hospital for its permanent use, under such name as may be designated and arranged.

An annual subscription of one hundred and fifty dollars entitles the donor to the use of a free bed for six months in the year. Temporary free beds may be secured, to be used at any time within one year, at the regular Hospital rates, to the full amount of the sum paid. This plan enables any one to own a free bed to the full amount which he may contribute or obtain, by subscription or otherwise, for the Hospital. In accordance with a vote of the trustees that as many free beds be furnished at the Hospital expense as the funds will permit, three free beds have been supported during the past year from the funds of the Hospital. The following beds are now provided : —

LIST OF FREE BEDS JAN. 1, 1881.

NAME OF OWNER.	ADDRESS.	TIME OF PAYMENT.	AMOUNT PAID.	CHARACTER OF BED.
Mrs. George R. Russell,	1 Louisburg Square.	Dec., 1870.	\$1,000 00	Life Free Bed.
Mrs. A. G. Farwell....	16 Beacon Street.	Jan., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Dr. George Russell....	14 Lynde Street.	July, 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Mrs. Mary Hemenway..	40 Mt. Vernon Street.	Aug., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Miss Hannah M. Weld..	Jamaica Plain.	Sept., 1871.	1,668 11	" "
Dr. Sullivan Whitney..	Mass. Hom. Hospital.	Oct., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Thos. F. Richardson....	13 Arlington Street.	Nov., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Hon. Rufus S. Frost....	Chelsea.	Jan., 1876.	2,500 00	" "
Miss Ellen Stearns.....	77 Beacon Street.	April, 1876.	1,000 00	" "
Estate of A. Hemenway,	40 Mt. Vernon Street.	June, 1877.	10,000 00	2 permanent Free Beds.
Ladies' Aid Association.	.....	May, 1877.	5,000 00	Permanent Free Bed.
Miss M. E. C. White....	.....	Dec., 1880.	5,000 00	" "
Mrs. Valeria G. Stone..	Malden.....	Jan., 1881.	5,000 00	" "
Society New Jerusalem,	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev James Reed.....	.....	.....	150 00	Annual Subscription.
Mrs. P. C. Brooks.....	89 Mt. Vernon Street.	.....	300 00	" "
Miss H. Collamore.....	115 Beacon Street.	.....	75 00	Temporary Free Bed.

DONATIONS.

THE following donations have been sent to the Hospital at various times during the year 1880 :—

FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

Mrs. E. Wright, Mrs. Kennard, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Hooper, Miss Collamore, from Flower Mission, Miss Kelsey, Mrs. Hemenway, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. L. S. Ward, Mrs. Larke, Mrs. W. C. Clapp, Mrs. P. C. Brooks, Mrs. Cary, Mrs. Edward Whitney, Mrs. M. P. Kennard, Mr. Waldron, the Misses Wales, Mrs. F. M. Weld, Mrs. R. S. Watson, Mrs. A. T. Fenno, Dr. I. T. Talbot.

PLANTS.

Mrs. E. Whitney, Mrs. Franklin King, and from Mrs. Hemenway's boys at Hillside, a Christmas Tree.

ICE CREAM AND JELLIES.

Mrs. Ditson, Rev. D. M. Waldron, Ladies' Aid Association, Mrs. Crump, Mrs. Alex. Strong, Mrs. Hemenway, Mrs. D. B. Flint.

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We are indebted for many gifts to ladies who, through delicacy, have refused to give their names. Parcels also have been received by expressmen from unknown donors.

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Named in Act of Incorporation.

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 Dr. D. G. Woodvine.
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* Deceased.

† Members during term of office.

BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Corporation shall be composed of the persons named in the Act incorporating certain persons by the name of the "Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital," of such persons as may be at any legal meeting of the Corporation nominated and elected as members, and also of all such persons as shall have contributed the sum of \$100, or upwards, at any one time.

ART. 2. There shall be a meeting of the Corporation on the third Wednesday in January in each year, to be called the Annual Meeting, at which the following officers shall be elected, viz.: a President, four Vice-Presidents, such number of Trustees as the Corporation shall determine, not exceeding thirty, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; to serve one year and till others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead. Any person elected to, and signifying his acceptance of, either of the offices mentioned in this article, shall become thereby a member of the Corporation during the term of office.

ART. 3. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given by the Secretary, in one or more newspapers printed in Boston, at least fourteen days, and by mail five days, previous to the day of meeting; but said meeting may be continued, from time to time, until the business thereof shall be accomplished; the Secretary giving at least one day's notice of the time and place of said adjournment, in a newspaper printed in Boston.

ART. 4. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Board of Trustees.

ART. 5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Trustees, if present, and shall have power to order special meetings of the Corporation or Board of Trustees whenever, in his opinion, it may be expedient, the Secretary giving at least seven days' notice of such special meetings of the Corporation in one or more of the newspapers printed in Boston, and at least two days' notice of such special meetings of the Board of Trustees, to be sent by mail to each of the members.

In the absence or incapacity of the President, or vacancy of the office, one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties which devolve upon the President.

ART. 6. The Trustees shall constitute a board for the immediate management of all the property and concerns of the institution. They shall make such by-laws, rules, and regulations to govern their action as they may deem expedient, not inconsistent with the charter and by-laws of the Corporation. They shall meet at such times and places as they shall by vote determine, or as the President may direct, and all questions which

come before the board shall be determined by a majority of the Trustees present and voting thereon. They shall have power to take any measures which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, donations, and bequests to the Corporation; to petition the Legislature for any additional grants or privileges, and for such amendments and alterations of the several Acts relative to the Corporation as they may think advisable; to take charge of and watch over the general interests and concerns of the institution, to enter into and bind the Corporation by such compacts and engagements as they may deem advantageous; to appoint, annually or otherwise, all proper and necessary physicians, surgeons, officers, assistants, and servants, for the superintendence and management of the respective departments, with such salaries and allowances as they may, from time to time, fix and determine; to make such rules and regulations for the government of the said physicians, surgeons, officers, attendants, and servants, and for the admission of patients, and the well ordering and conducting of the respective departments of the institution, as to them may seem proper and expedient. *Provided*, however, that the said by-laws, rules, and regulations shall at all times be subject to be altered or amended by the Corporation at their annual meeting, or at any legal meeting specially called for that purpose.

They shall cause a fair record of all their doings to be kept, which shall be laid before the Corporation at every meeting thereof; and at every annual meeting, they shall make a written report on the Treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the institution, comprising an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation, a statement of the numbers of patients admitted and discharged during the year in each department, and all such other matters as may be of importance and interest to the Corporation; and for this purpose they shall, at some previous meeting, appoint a committee of the board.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall give bonds, with sureties, to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties. He shall receive and have the custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the Corporation, which he shall keep and manage, under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees or their Committee of Finance. He shall pay no money but by order of the Board of Trustees, or of their committees, duly authorized by the board to draw on him therefor.* He shall render an account of the state of his books and of the funds and property in his custody, when

*The following vote was passed by the Board of Trustees, on April 4, 1878: "The Treasurer is authorized to invest moneys or property belonging to the Hospital, and to sell or exchange any investments, only in accordance with a vote of the Board of Trustees certified to by the Secretary; or by written instruction signed by a majority of the Finance Committee.

called for by the Trustees or Corporation; and he shall make up the accounts to the last day of December in each year, which accounts, properly audited, shall be laid before the Corporation at their annual meeting.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS.

I. APPLICATIONS of patients for admission may be made to the house physician or house surgeon at the Hospital on any day of the week, and, when practicable, between 11 and 12 o'clock. The patient should apply in person, when able to do so; otherwise application may be made by a friend, and the patient will be visited by the house physician or house surgeon, and if admitted by the attending physician or surgeon, the proper papers will be forwarded to the patient.

II. The patient on admission shall give security, satisfactory to the Executive Committee, for the payment of expenses in the Hospital.

III. In cases of accident or of extreme emergency, the patient will be admitted without delay, and provided for as well as circumstances will permit.

IV. Contagious disease, syphilis, delirium tremens, and also incurable diseases will not be admitted to the Hospital.

V. No patient will be allowed to remain longer than twelve weeks, except by the special consent of the Medical Board.

VI. All patients will be admitted and discharged upon the certificate of the attending physician or surgeon. He shall have discretionary power in the dismissal of patients, or he may refer doubtful cases to the Medical Board.

Patients shall be discharged by the attending physician or surgeon at any time when, in his opinion, the interests of the patient or of the Hospital demand it.

VII. Whenever a patient is removed from the Hospital without the consent of the attending physician or surgeon, he shall require from the person assuming the responsibility of the removal a written statement to that effect.

VIII. The attending physician or surgeon shall not deliver the body of any person having died at the Hospital, without a written receipt from the parties taking the same.

IX. In case of the decease of any patient, the friends shall be apprised thereof by the matron, and the attending physician or surgeon shall sign a certificate of death, and shall furnish the City Registrar with a copy of the same. He shall also state the time and cause of death, the disposition made of the body, whether delivered to friends or buried from the Hospital. In the last case he shall mention the place of interment.

RULES FOR PATIENTS.

I. Patients must be in their proper places in the wards during the daily medical and surgical visits, between 11 and 12 A. M., and always by 8 P. M., unless specially exempted by the attending physician or surgeon.

II. Patients shall not visit other wards without the consent of the matron.

III. Those free patients who are able are expected to assist in nursing and in such other services as may be reasonably required of them.

IV. No patient shall purchase, or cause any member of the household to purchase for him, any article of food whatsoever, or any other article, without the consent of the matron.

V. Profane or obscene language, noisy or loud talking, and incivility are prohibited.

VI. The use of tobacco, wine, and intoxicating liquors is prohibited within the Hospital, unless prescribed by the physician.

VII. Patients may be visited by a clergyman of their own selection, and the wish for the performance of any particular religious rite shall be indulged when practicable.

VIII. The rules of the Hospital must be implicitly obeyed by the patients. Should any patient wilfully and persistently disregard these rules, the friends will be notified to take him away, or, failing to do so, he will be discharged.

IX. Complaints for whatever cause may be made to the matron or Executive Committee, and when reasonable, shall be obviated, or reported by them to the trustees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

When the trustees are not in session the Executive Committee shall have entire charge and control of the Hospital, and execute all the orders and directions of the trustees in relation to it. They shall regulate all the supplies and purchases of the Hospital, except those pertaining to the pharmacist; determine the necessary number and the wages respectively of all the employees of the Hospital; fix the price per week of the various beds or rooms, and, whenever it is necessary, advise with and assist the matron in enforcing the rules and regulations of the Hospital. They shall meet as often as once a week to examine and consider the affairs of the Hospital committed to them, and report on all important matters at the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees.

THE MEDICAL BOARD.

I. The Medical Board shall consist of the physicians and surgeons appointed by the Board of Trustees.

II. They shall have full power and control over the medical and surgical treatment of all the patients in the Hospital.

III. They shall make such rules and regulations as they may deem best for their control and government, not inconsistent with the by-laws,

ules, and regulations of the Hospital as established by the Board of Trustees.

IV. Any violation of the rules and regulations of the Medical Board shall be reported to the Board of Trustees.

MATRON.

I. The Hospital shall be under the care of the matron, who shall live in the building and shall not leave it except on necessary occasions. She shall not be absent for more than three hours at any one time, nor after ten o'clock, P. M., without the leave of the Executive Committee. She shall have the assistance of such nurses and servants as the Executive Committee may think proper, and shall hire and, when necessary, discharge the same.

II. The matron shall have the immediate superintendence of the nurses, servants, and all inmates of the Hospital, and shall enforce personal cleanliness, neatness, and obedience to orders on their part. In case of any refusal to conform to these rules and regulations, she shall report the same to the Executive Committee.

III. The matron shall make the entire round of the Hospital at least once a day, that she may be assured of the neatness and order of each department, and may become acquainted with the patients, their necessities and wants, and see that they have every comfort.

IV. She shall have charge and superintendence of all furniture, bedding, linen, provisions, table and household supplies, and see that none are unnecessarily wasted or destroyed. She shall keep in a book, designed for this purpose, an exact inventory of all goods belonging to and in the Hospital, and also memoranda of breakages or losses, occasioned by the patients or otherwise; and is directed to require payment for any article carelessly injured or broken, and make a report each Saturday to the Executive Committee.

V. It is the duty of the matron to receive all visitors, exercising discretion in showing to all suitable persons the Hospital and such wards as they may desire to see.

VI. The matron shall assign rooms or beds to patients on their entrance according to the price of board agreed upon, and shall collect weekly the bills of all those who are not free patients.

VII. The matron is requested to exclude from conversation at her table, and in every other place in the Hospital, all topics of a personal nature about any patient, such as anecdotes of patients, complaints, etc. Any nurse or servant violating this rule shall be discharged.

VIII. The matron shall require punctuality at meals on the part of all connected with the Hospital.

The following are the hours for the meals: —

	BREAKFAST.	DINNER.	SUPPER.
For Patients	7 A. M.	12½ P. M.	6 P. M.
For Matron, House Physician and Surgeon, and Nurses	7½ “	1 “	6½
For Janitor and Servants	8 “	1½ “	7

IX. If it be desired to invite any guest to one meal, the consent of the matron shall be obtained; if to more than one, the consent of the Executive Committee is required.

X. The matron shall insist upon economy in all departments of the Hospital.

XI. All supplies received by the Hospital, either by gift or purchase, shall be entered in a book called the "Supply Book," which shall be regularly laid before the Executive Committee.

XII. A record shall be kept by the matron of every important occurrence in the Hospital.

XIII. No gift or remuneration shall be received by the matron, nurses, or servants, for anything done or to be done in virtue of their situation, upon pain of peremptory dismissal.

HOUSE PHYSICIAN AND HOUSE SURGEON.

I. The house physician and house surgeon shall reside at the Hospital and shall not absent themselves for more than two hours at any time without the consent of the attending physician or surgeon, and on no account shall both be absent from the Hospital at the same time, unless it be in the attendance upon medical lectures in the adjoining college, at such time as their services may not be required in the Hospital.

II. They shall accompany the attending physician and surgeon respectively in their daily visits, make a careful record of the cases, the treatment, and the prescribed diet, prepare the medicine as directed, and deliver the same, together with necessary orders, to the nurses, directly after the morning visit.

III. They shall also have charge of the medical and surgical apparatus, and the library of the Hospital.

IV. They shall attend to patients on their admission, and give the necessary directions for their comfort before they are seen by their regular medical attendant; and beside the morning visit with the attending physician and surgeon, they shall make a daily evening visit to each patient between the hours of seven and eight P. M., and at such other times only as they may be requested to do so by the matron or nurse.

V. They shall, each in his own department, see all persons who apply for admission, either for themselves or for their friends, and shall, if practicable, visit or see the patient before admission to the Hospital. They shall make a record of all important facts in the case, in books kept for the purpose. If the case is obviously unsuitable for admission, under the rules of the Hospital, they shall so record it; if otherwise, they shall report the case as soon as possible to the attending physician or surgeon, and obtain from him and transmit to the patient the necessary papers for admission. They shall conduct such correspondence in relation to the admission of patients as may be directed by the attending physician or surgeon.

VI. All communications of a personal nature made to the house physician or surgeon by a patient, or by the attending physician or surgeon concerning a patient, shall be considered as strictly confidential.

RULES FOR NURSES.

I. The nurses shall be responsible to the house physician or surgeon, as the case may be, for the regular administration of medicines and the care of patients, in accordance with the directions of the attending physician or surgeon, and shall not give, or allow to be given, to the patients any article of food or drink, except such as the physician or surgeon may permit.

II. When articles of food are brought by visitors, the nurse will receive and take them to the matron, until permission be given for their being eaten.

III. The linen of medical wards shall be changed twice weekly; and in the surgical wards according to special instructions in each case. In the confinement wards at least one clean sheet shall be given each day; the pillow-cases shall be changed twice weekly; the personal clothing every two days, unless otherwise ordered by the attending physician.

IV. The soiled clothes from confinement and surgical wards shall be removed from the room at once; no clothes soiled in washing patients, medical and surgical furniture or apparatus, such as bed-pans, syringes, etc., shall be used twice, or put in a closet after use until thoroughly cleansed.

V. Each morning nurses shall procure from the matron the required clean bed linen and towels for their wards, and send the soiled linen to the laundry.

VI. The face and hands of all patients shall be bathed and their bed linen changed before breakfast, unless in special cases, when instruction will be given by the attending physician or surgeon.

VII. The patients in the medical wards, unless too ill, may generally bathe themselves; in the surgical wards the bathing will be according to special instructions in each case; in confinement wards the nurses shall bathe each patient once daily; when more or less frequently, special instructions will be given.

VIII. Nurses are required to be extremely careful at all times, and especially in bathing the patients, dressing wounds, giving enemas, etc., that there be the least possible exposure of the patient.

IX. Nurses shall follow the visits of the physician or surgeon, and shall, in all cases, hold themselves in readiness after the visit to receive orders from the house physician or surgeon. Concerning everything which may occur between the visits, the nurse may consult either house physician or surgeon, as the case may be.

X. A strict watch of each patient and of every symptom shall be kept by the nurse, and reported to the physician or surgeon at the visits, and the nurse should be able to give exact information of the quantity and quality of all discharges, etc.

XI. The nurse shall see that the medicine-glasses of her ward are kept replenished, fresh medicine prepared daily, and the empty glasses thoroughly cleansed.

XII. The bed-pans, syringes, etc., shall be cleansed immediately after use, and kept in a designated place for inspection at the morning visit of the matron.

XIII. Articles belonging to each ward shall be kept for that ward only.

XIV. The nurses shall frequently wash the utensils, as well as their own hands, with a weak solution of some disinfectant.

XV. Nurses will see that all is quiet in their wards during the night, and that the patients are not wakened before six o'clock, A. M. Between the hours of nine o'clock P. M. and six A. M., all noise, such as the turning on of water, unnecessary opening and shutting of doors, etc., shall be completely avoided.

XVI. The nurse in the surgical department shall see that the patients are kept perfectly quiet twenty-four hours at least after any important surgical operation, and that no person shall see them during this time without the permission of the surgeon.

XVII. No visitors are allowed to patients in the maternity wards until five days after confinement.

XVIII. The nurses are required to see that visitors do not come into their wards without permission, nor remain longer than the time prescribed.

XIX. Each nurse, while on duty, shall wear a soft cotton dress, white apron, and soft shoes without heels. She shall particularly care for her personal cleanliness, neatness, and simplicity in attire.

XX. Underclothes should be perfectly plain; no elaborately trimmed garments can be sent to the Hospital laundry, and the number each week shall not exceed eighteen pieces for each person.

XXI. The nurses shall take a half-hour's exercise daily, in the open air, at such time as the matron shall designate. When the nurse requires to be out a longer time, she must obtain special permission from the matron.

XXII. It is strictly forbidden that nurses spend their time in each other's wards or rooms.

XXIII. All lights are to be put out in the wards at nine o'clock, except in special cases of sickness.

XXIV. The nurses are, in a great degree, responsible in their wards for the happiness and comfort of their patients, and will, in any difficulty or need, apply to the attending physician, house physician, surgeon or matron, as the case may be, in securing these.

XXV. The nurses should immediately report to the matron any infringement of the rules and regulations of the Hospital by the patients.

XXVI. The nurses are requested not to waste gas or water, and to read over these rules every week.

PHARMACIST.

The pharmacist shall have charge and make all purchases of the medicines, medical and surgical supplies, and instruments required in the Hospital, as directed by the Medical Board. He shall make such rules in relation to the purchase of supplies, as he shall think fit, not inconsistent with the regulations of the Board of Trustees.

JANITOR.

The janitor shall have charge of and be responsible for all the fires in the Hospital, and shall keep the wards and halls at a temperature of 70° or as near thereto as possible. He shall also see that the gas and water are properly regulated, and not wasted or unnecessarily used, and that the Hospital grounds are suitably cared for.

He shall assist in the moving and care of the patients, and attend to such other matters about the Hospital as the matron may require. He shall not leave the Hospital grounds without the knowledge and consent of the matron. He shall see that all the windows and doors are secured, and the gas in the halls turned off at ten o'clock P. M.

SERVANTS.

I. Servants are to rise at six o'clock, summer and winter.

II. The servants will receive their orders from the matron, or some one designated by her, and will be held accountable by the matron for their proper performance.

III. The work must be done promptly, and as early as possible in the morning.

IV. All employees must be in their respective places during their hours of duty. The doors of the Hospital will be closed at 10 P. M., at which time all are expected to be quiet, and those not on duty in their own rooms.

VISITORS.

I. Patients will be permitted to receive visits from their friends on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week, from two to four o'clock P. M., and at no other time without a special permit from the physician or matron.

In all cases, however, the attending physician or surgeon may exercise discretionary powers as to excluding or admitting visitors. All visitors must leave at the expiration of the visiting hours.

II. Visitors will not be permitted to take any meal in the Hospital, or to pass the night therein, without the permission of the Executive Committee.

III. No visitor will be allowed to give any article of food or drink to a patient, unless by permission of the attending physician or surgeon, and any articles sent to the patient shall be left with the matron or nurse.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

THE close of the year finds little change in the Ladies' Aid Association.

Two of our Directors have sent in their resignations, — Mrs. George R. Russell and Mrs. David Hunt, — which were received with regret by the officers of the board.

Mrs. W. H. Clapp and Mrs. J. Felt Osgood were chosen to fill their places.

Mrs. William Pope was requested to be our Chairman, in place of Mrs. Russell.

The Secretary of the Association, Mrs. F. R. Allen, asked to be relieved of her duties for the rest of the year. Mrs. Franklin King was appointed to take her place until she was ready to resume the secretaryship.

The Purchasing Committee, consisting of two members of the Board, of which Mrs. E. R. Whitney is Chairman, have faithfully performed their duties, which at times are arduous. They have in charge the purchasing of articles needed for the Hospital, in the way of furnishings. The fire caused much disarrangement, but soon everything was in its accustomed order.

The free bed has been occupied all the year by patients who have been recommended by different members of the Association. Any lady who is a member of the Association can, by applying to Mrs. Ditson, Chairman of the Committee having the bed in charge, have a sick person admitted after getting a permit from the physician.

During four summer months the Ladies' Aid Association, at the suggestion of the Board of Officers, furnished carriages twice a week for those patients who were unable to walk out, and provided ice cream for the Sunday desserts. These luxuries were gratefully received by the patients.

The different visitors arranged for Sunday services during their respective months. The patients who were able to attend enjoyed them, while those who were confined to their wards listened, with pleasure, to the singing.

The office of matron became vacant in the autumn, and Mrs. O'Neill was appointed to fill the place. She has already entered upon her work with good promise.

Once during the year we have had occasion to call on one of our substitutes, who responded cheerfully, and made frequent visits, which were very agreeable to the patients.

The Secretary will be happy to receive the names of any ladies who will visit as substitutes when occasion requires.

Members of the Association are urged to make frequent visits to the Hospital, and see how much is done for the comfort and happiness of the patients. They can hardly fail to become interested in the work, and inclined to help it forward by replenishing the funds in our Treasurer's hands.

For the Association,

SARAH G. KING.

JAN. 26, 1881.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. The object of this Association shall be to aid the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital.

ARTICLE II. Ladies may become members of this Association by the payment of \$2.00 annually.

ARTICLE III. The officers shall consist of twelve Directors, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall have the control of the affairs of the Association, and shall submit a report of their doings at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE IV. The Secretary and Treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to those offices. Each Director shall select some person or persons, who with herself shall be a Board of Hospital Visitors for the month to which she is assigned. It shall be the duty of the Board of Visitors to provide, as far as possible, for the needs of the patients. The number of visits per week may be left to the discretion of the monthly visitor, provided the visits be not less than two per week.

ARTICLE V. The Annual Meeting of the Association for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held on the last Wednesday of January, immediately after the monthly meeting.

Monthly meetings of the Board of Officers shall be held on the last Wednesday of each month.

At each regular meeting a report shall be made by the Board of Visitors for that month.

Special meetings of the Association and of the Board of Officers shall be held on the call of the Secretary, at the request of three Directors.

ARTICLE VI. Should vacancies occur in the Board of Officers, they may be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE VII. The Constitution of this Association may be altered or amended at its Annual Meeting.

OFFICERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION FOR 1880.

DIRECTORS.

MRS. WILLIAM POPE,
MRS. OLIVER DITSON,
MRS. F. U. TRACY,
MRS. FRANKLIN KING,
MRS. ALEXANDER STRONG,
MRS. G. E. FOSTER,

MRS. AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY,
MRS. J. FELT OSGOOD,
MISS M. J. ROGERS,
MRS. W. H. CLAPP,
MRS. EDWARD R. WHITNEY,
MRS. S. T. HOOPER.

SECRETARY.

MRS. FRANK R. ALLEN.

TREASURER.

MRS. F. W. ANDREWS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION OF THE HOMCEOPATHIC HOSPITAL IN ACCOUNT
WITH MRS. F. W. ANDREWS, TREASURER, JANUARY, 1880, TO JANUARY,
1881.

Dr.									
To cash paid carriage hire	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$50 50
“ “ ice cream	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	82 50
“ “ care of grounds, etc.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	215 12
“ “ furnishings	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	345 32
“ “ stamps, postals, and printing.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13 00
									<u>\$706 44</u>
Balance to new account	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 00
									<u>\$776 44</u>

CR.									
By balance from last account	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$227 44
“ cash annual subscriptions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	549 00
									<u>\$776 44</u>

E. & O. E.
BOSTON, Jan. 1881.

MRS. F. W. ANDREWS, *Treasurer.*

The above Report examined and found correct.

MRS. OLIVER DITSON,
MRS. ALEX. STRONG,
Auditing Committee.

MEMBERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

Alvord, Mrs. A. G.	Chase, Mrs. Dr. H. L.	Hemenway, Mrs. Aug.
Angell, Mrs. H. C.	Collamore, Miss Helen	Hedge, Mrs. F. H.
Ahlborn, Mrs. Henry	Darrah, Mrs. R. K.	Hills, Mrs. W. S.
Albree, Mrs. John	Doe, Mrs. J. M.	Horton, Miss Fannie E.
Adams, Mr. L. B.	Dorr, Mrs. C. H.	Horton, Mrs. Wm. H.
Apthorp, Mrs. R. E.	Dana, Mrs. Geo. N.	Hooper, Mrs. S. T.
Allen, Mrs. F. R.	Dewson, Mrs. F. A.	Howe, Miss Annie M.
Atkinson, Mrs. Edward	Durant, Mrs. H. F.	Howe, Mrs. Thomas
Adams, Mrs. Thomas	Dennie, Mrs. Geo.	Hunt, Mrs. David
Andrews, Mrs. F. W.	Dennie, Miss Sophie	Huntington, Mrs. C. L.
Blake, Mrs. Charles	Dennie, Miss Georgie	Hunt, Mrs. S. M.
Bancroft, Mrs. George	Dennie, Miss Mary	Hurd, Mrs. Benj.
Batcheller, Mrs. A. H.	Dennie, Mr. Geo.	Hinckley, Mrs. E. B.
Baker, Mrs. Richard	Ditson, Mr. Oliver	Howes, Mrs. Fred
Bartol, Miss L. H.	Ditson, Mrs. Oliver	Ives, Mrs. H. P.
Bemis, Mrs. F. T.	Ditson, Mr. F. O.	Jackson, Miss H.
Baker, Mr. C. T.	Ditson, Mr. J. Edward	Jackson, Mrs. W. F.
Brigham, Mrs. Wm.	Dennett, Miss H.	Jenkins, Mr. Chas. E.
Brown, Miss H. L.	Erschine, Mrs. John	Johnson, Jr., Mrs. S.
Benedict, Mrs. W. G.	Farwell, Mrs. A. G.	Johnson, Mrs. J. C.
Bigelow, Mrs. L. A.	Frothingham, Miss Ellen	Jewett, Mrs. N. M.
*Bachelder, Mrs. A. E.	Fenno, Mrs. Geo. D.	Kennard, Mrs. M. P.
Berry, Mrs. A. D.	Freeland, Mrs. J. H.	Kennard, Mrs. W. H.
Blanchard, Mrs. Wm.	Fuller, Mrs. Milton	King, Mrs. C. E.
Boardman, Mrs. W. D.	Fuller, Mrs. J. E.	King, Mrs. Franklin
Bowditch, Mrs. Wm. I.	Forbes, Mrs. J. M.	Kimball, Mrs. J. W.
Burditt, Mrs. H. S.	Forbes, Mrs. Sarah G.	Krebs, Mrs. Dr.
Barnett, Mrs. A. L.	Fay, Mrs. Harrison	Leonard, Mrs. G. H.
Billings, Mrs. F. N.	Farnsworth, Mrs. E. A.	Lewis, Mrs. John
Burrage, Mrs. C. H.	Fay, Mrs. F. B.	Lincoln, Miss E.
Burrage, Mrs. J. K.	Fisher, Miss A. E., M. D.	Lincoln, Mrs. W. H.
Bigelow, Mrs. Joshua	Fiske, Mrs. J. N.	Little, Mrs. Samuel
Bigelow, Miss Fannie	Flint, Mrs. D. B.	Maynz, Mrs. Edward
Brigham, Miss Lucy F.	Foster, Mrs. A. S.	May, Mrs. Samuel
Baker, Mrs. Dr. J. A.	Fenno, Mrs. Isaac	May, Miss Eleanor G.
Cate, Mrs. Dr. S. M.	Gersdorff, Mrs. E. B. de	May, Miss Abby W.
Chandler, Mrs. Peleg W.	Gibson, Mrs. G. M.	Mitchell, Mrs. H. A.
Cutler, Mrs. Wm.	Goldthwait, Mrs. Joel	Milliken, Mrs. E. T.
Cummings, Mrs. J. W.	*Goldthwait, Mrs. John	Moors, Mrs. J. B.
Crump, Mrs. C. H.	Goddard, Miss Julia	Morrison, Mrs. C. E.
Curtis, Mrs. C. P.	Greeley, Mrs. Joseph	Morrill, Mrs. Joseph
Copeland, Mrs. W. H. C.	Greenleaf, Mr. R. C.	Niles, Mrs. Geo. E.
Cutter, Miss A. F.	Gray, Mrs. J. H.	Noyes, Miss M. E.
Curtis, Mrs. Paul	Green, Mrs. Franklin	Osgood, Mrs. J. Felt
Curtis, Mrs. Henry	Green, Miss Emily	Otis, Mrs. Theodore
Clapp, Mr. Wm. W.	Graves, Miss F. H.	Parsons, Mrs. Theoph.
Clapp, Mrs. Wm. W.	Harding, Mrs. W. H.	Page, Mrs. C. K.
Cotton, Mrs. D. P.	Hardy, Mrs. Alpheus	Page, Mrs. Kilby
Chapman, Mrs. D. R.	Harris, Mrs. Wm.	Parker, Mrs. Theo.
Clement, Miss Helen I.	Harris, Miss Fannie K.	Perkins, Mrs. J. C.
Crane, Mrs. Joshua	Hall, Mr. Chas. B.	Phillips, Mrs. T. W.
Cheney, Mrs. Ednah D.	Henshaw, Miss A. B.	Pierce, Mrs. Jacob

* Deceased.

Pierce, Mrs. S. B.	Simpkins, Mrs. John	Wales, Miss M. R.
Piper, Mrs. Solomon	Simpkins, Mrs. Mary W.	Ware, Mrs. John
Porter, Miss L. M., M. D.	Slack, Mrs. Chas. W.	Watson, Mrs. R. S.
Powars, Mrs. D. E.	Smith, Mrs. H. T.	Webster, Mrs. D. L.
Pope, Mrs. Wm.	Spalding, Mrs. J. J.	Weld, Mr. Aaron D.
Putnam, Mrs. M.	Spalding, Miss J. V.	Weld, Mrs. C. Minot
Pierce, Miss H. M.	Stanwood, Mrs. H. B.	Weld, Mrs. Francis M.
Porter, Mrs. Burr	Stanwood, Mrs. H. P.	Wesselhoeft, Dr. W. P.
Raymond, Mrs. H. E.	Stearns, Mrs. B. H.	Wesselhoeft, Mrs. W. P.
Richardson, Mrs. M. M.	Stone, Mrs. P. A.	Wesselhoeft, Mrs. C.
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Reed, Mrs. James	Strong, Mrs. Alex.	Woodbridge, Mrs. A. G.
Reed, Miss Sarah G.	Stevenson, Miss H. E.	Wood, Mr. C. G.
Robbins, Miss Ellen	Sturgis, Mrs. James	Wood, Mrs. C. G., Jr.
Robbins, Mrs. R. E.	Stratton, Mrs. C. E.	Whitney, Mrs. Edward
Rodman, Miss Susan	Stone, Mrs. E. W.	Whitney, Mrs. Sarah
Rogers, Miss M. J.	Taggard, Mrs. B. W.	Whitney, Mrs. Sarah W.
Robinson, Mrs. J. C.	Talbot, Mrs. Newton	Williams, Mrs. Thos. B.
Robinson, Mrs. A. B.	Talbot, Mrs. I. T.	Winchester, Mrs. D. L.
*Roberts, Mrs. S. R.	Tarbell, Mrs. J. A.	Witherell, Mrs. S. A.
Russell, Mrs. H. G.	Taylor, Mrs. W. O.	Wild, Mrs. J. C.
Russell, Mrs. Elliott	Thorndike, Mrs. J. H.	Wild, Miss Catherine
Russell, Mrs. H. S.	Tower, Mrs. W. L.	Wiswell, Mrs. W. D.
Safford, Mrs. Wm. H.	Trautman, Mrs. M.	*Wood, G. W. E.
Schwarz, Mrs. L. B.	Tracy, Mrs. F. U.	Wright, Mrs. Edwin
Seabury, Mrs. Chas. W.	Tudor, Mrs. Fenno	
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	*Wales, Mr. T. C.	

NOTE. — Any lady may become a member by sending her address and \$2.00 or more to the treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Andrews, 187 Beacon Street.

* Deceased.

METHODS OF ASSISTING
THE
MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

ANY person can aid the Hospital by contributing in either of the following ways:—

1. Donations of money in any amount and at any time, as it is always needed; also of fruit, flowers, vegetables, provisions, books, ornaments, clothing, bandages, old linen, and whatever is necessary or useful for the sick.
2. Annual subscriptions, to be paid at any time during the year, and continued at the will of the donor.
3. One hundred dollars for membership.
4. One hundred and fifty dollars annually for a free bed, to be used six months in the year.
5. One thousand dollars for a free bed, to be used three months each year during the donor's life.
6. Twenty-five hundred dollars for a free bed, to be used all the time, if desired, during the donor's life.
7. Five thousand dollars for a permanent free bed, which may be kept always full.
8. Any sum of money given or collected for free beds, for which a certificate is issued which entitles the holder to a free bed within one year, to the full amount of the certificate, at the established Hospital rates. By this method almost any person may secure the control of a free bed.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

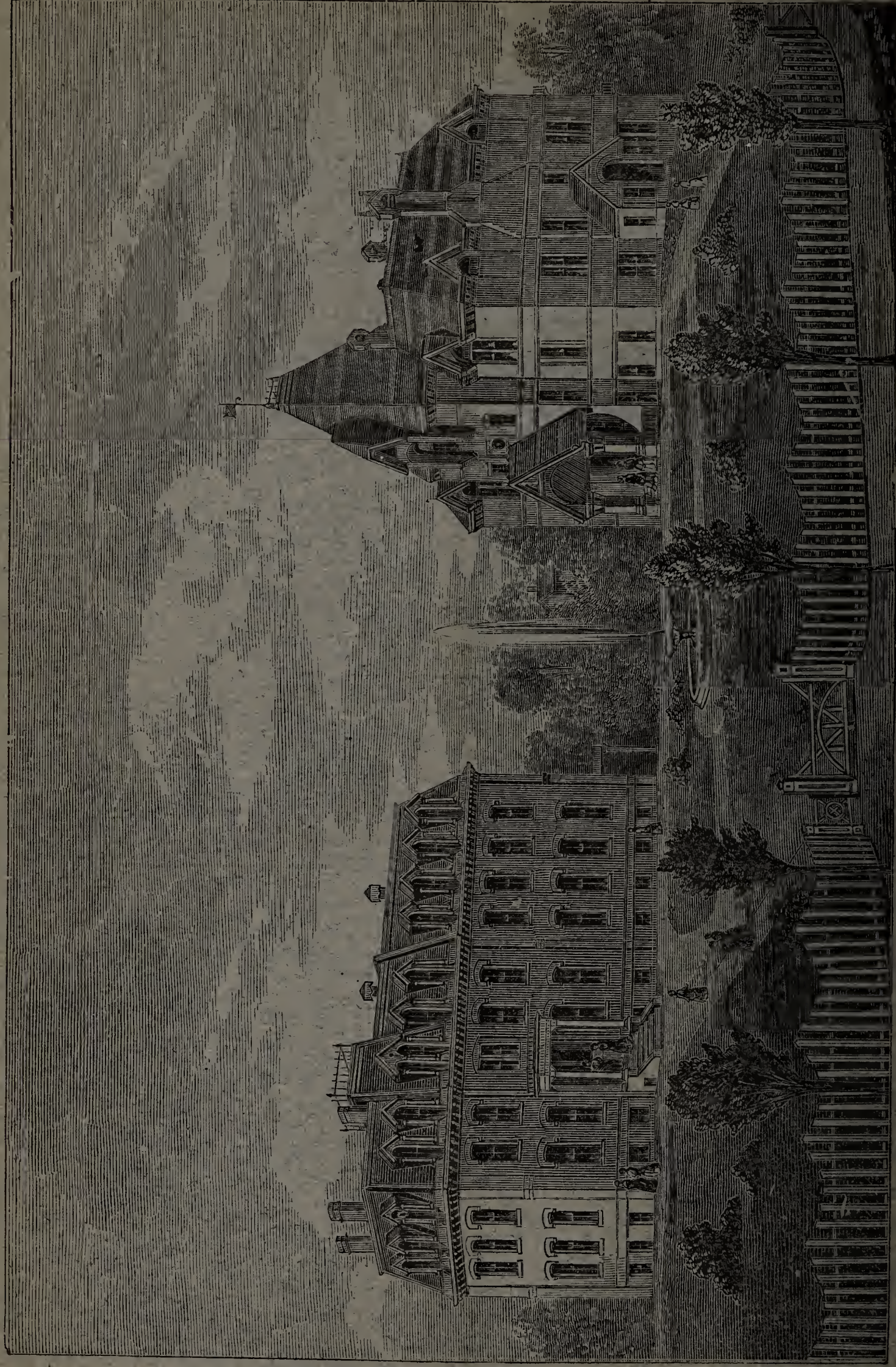
I give and bequeath to the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, to be paid by my executors to the person acting as treasurer, the sum of
dollars, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Hospital, under the direction of its board of officers.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

All applications, either by letter or otherwise, for admission to the Hospital, should be made to the Attending Physician or Surgeon, who will ascertain whether the case is suitable, and if so, will procure and furnish to the patient the necessary papers for admission.

The arrangements for rooms, attendance, etc., with terms for paying patients, must be made with the Matron, to whom all payments should be made.

In cases of accident or of extreme emergency, the patient will be admitted without delay, and provided for as well as circumstances will permit.



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